

### REMARKS

Claims 13-18 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-12 and 19 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

#### **The allowable subject matter**

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 13-18.

#### **The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102/103**

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,660,346 to Burger, et al.

Claims 2-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,660,346 to Burger, et al.

Cancellation of claims 1-12 renders their rejections moot.

#### **Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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